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SUBJECT: SAHEL PLANNING TASK FORCE

1. TASK OF PLANNING NEXT PHASE US RESPONSE TO SAHEL, FOLLOWING CURRENT 60 TO 90 DAY CRITICAL PERIOD, MUST BE INITIATED. THE NEXT PHASE, PROJECTED AS REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION, WILL ENABLE COUNTRIES OVER NEXT 24 MONTHS TO BE BETTER ABLE COPE WITH EXIGENCIES MADE GRAVE BY CURRENT DROUGHT SITUATION AS WELL AS EVENTUALITIES LIKELY TO ARISE -- PENDING TIME WHEN IMPLEMENTATION OF LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS GET UNDERWAY.

2. I HAVE APPOINTED EDWARD FEI TO HEAD A SPECIAL TASK FORCE ON SAHEL PLANNING WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR:

A. PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING OF OUR MEDIUM- AND LONG-TERM ASSISTANCE EFFORT, IN COLLABORATION WITH COUNTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED, WITH RESPECT TO THE SUDANO-SAHEL REGION AND THE COUNTRIES IN THAT REGION.

B. COORDINATION OF THE US EFFORT WITH SIMILAR ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS OF THE UNITED NATIONS FAMILY, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, DONOR GOVERNMENTS AND INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES BOTH OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE.

THE TASK FORCE IS ALREADY AT WORK IN REVIEWING AND ANALYZING ALL INFORMATION, WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE UN AGENCIES, THE IBRD, AND OTHER DONORS.

3. IN ANTICIPATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE INTERSTATE COMMITTEE MEETING EARLY SEPTEMBER, AND TO ENHANCE OUR ABILITY TO BE MOST RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION, A TASK FORCE EXPERT TEAM WILL TRAVEL TO THE FIELD FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE OUAGADOUGOU MEETING. I WANT THE PROGRAM TO BEGIN NOT LATER THAN 60 DAYS FOLLOWING THE OUAGADOUGOU MEETING. THEIR MAJOR OBJECTIVES WILL BE:

A. CLARIFY TO HOST GOVERNMENTS FRAMEWORK, SECTOR ORIENTATION, CONDITIONS, AND TERMS UNDER WHICH US WOULD PROPOSE TO ASSIST COUNTRIES MEET REHABILITATION AND RECOVERY OBJECTIVES OVER THE NEXT 24 MONTHS; E.G., COMMODITY IMPORTS PLUS VERY FLEXIBLE
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PROGRAM FUNDING APPROACHES TO BE IMPLEMENTED PRINCIPALLY AT LOCAL LEVELS. OTHER PROGRAMS REQUIRING LONGER THAN 12 TO 24 MONTHS TO DEVELOP, AND WITHOUT CLEAR IMMEDIATE IMPACT ON RECOVERY AND REHABILITATION, WILL ONLY BE CONSIDERED SUBSEQUENT TO DISCUSSIONS IN FRAMEWORK OF MEETINGS IN JANUARY OF LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT.

B. DISCUSS LOCAL COUNTRY SITUATIONS, IN RECOGNITION LACK OF UNIFORMITY AMONG SIX COUNTRIES, REGARDING EMERGENCY NEEDS TO BE

MET WHICH YET REMAIN OUTSTANDING AND WILL CONTINUE INTO REHABILITATION AND RECOVERY PHASE; ADEQUACY OF LOCAL PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATIONS TO PLANS, ORGANIZE, MANAGE, AND IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS; E.G. SOIL CONSERVATION, WATER DEVELOPMENT, ROAD REPAIR, OTHER TYPES OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT; AND ALSO TO MANAGE STABILITY STOCKS PROGRAM WOULD AIM TO POSITION IN VARIOUS PARTS OF COUNTRIES TO REDUCE RISK LOSSES OF HUMAN/ANIMAL LIFE FROM PROBLEMS OF SUPPLY OR AVAILABILITY OF FOOD, MEDICINES, SEEDS, FERTILIZERS, ETC. PLANS WOULD INCLUDE POSSIBILITIES FOR PREVENTIVE HEALTH MEASURES; SPRAYING FOR MOSQUITOES, FLIES, OTHER SANITATION CONTROL; INCLUDING DEVELOPING SAFE WATER SOURCES FOR POPULATION CONCENTRATION AREAS. DISCUSSIONS WOULD ALSO REQUIRE ASSESSMENT BY COUNTRY SITUATION OF KINDS OF TOOLS, EQUIPMENT, MACHINERY, OR OTHER SUPPLIES REQUIRED TO INVOLVE PEOPLE IN REHABILITATION RECOVERY TO ALLOW THEM TO BE ABLE TO COPE WITH PROBLEMS. ABOVE ILLUSTRATIVE OF POSSIBILITIES TEAM NEEDS TO EXPLORE WITH GOVERNMENTS.

C. ATTEMPT TO GAIN INSIGHTS ABOUT APPROACHES TO LONGER TERM DEVELOPMENT NEEDS, AS COUNTRIES SEE THEM, AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO SAHEL PROBLEMS, TO SERVE AS INPUT FOR SYSTEMS ANALYSIS, RESEARCH PROGRAMS TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY MIT -- FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH DONORS AND HOST COUNTRIES AT JANUARY MEETING.

4. WHILE THEIR STAY IN EACH COUNTRY WILL NECESSARILY BE LIMITED, I COUNT ON YOUR GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT IN ASSISTING TEAM MEMBERS MAXIMUM TIME IN-COUNTRY TO SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS PROGRAM AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT.

5. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS DETAILING ITINERARY AND REQUESTED ACTION OF CONCERNED POSTS. ROGERS

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